

# Dark Mode Implementation

**Play+ Dark Theme: Automated, Accessible, and On-Brand Introduction** ■ In the Play+ ecosystem, a smooth, comfortable experience in all environments is a core design goal. Whether your users prefer a darker UI or are working late into the evening, Play+ adapts effortlessly. Our Dark Theme isn't bolted on—it's built in, and designed to maintain your brand's distinctiveness and readability. You don't need to define a separate dark theme. Just define your light theme as usual, and Play+ takes care of the rest.

**Why There's No Separate Dark Theme** ■ Traditionally, dark mode meant duplicating styles, increasing complexity and potential bugs. In Play+, that duplication is unnecessary. With a single `_dark.css` file, Play+ intelligently derives a dark variant of your theme. It respects your brand's tone and automatically adjusts colors, backgrounds, and contrast to suit dark contexts—without disrupting your design language.

**How It Works** ■ **Define Your Theme** Provide your core tokens in `_default.css`, including brand colors, text styles, and backgrounds. **Dark Theme Engine Kicks In** Play+ processes this theme and generates a full dark mode version via `_dark.css`. No extra configuration required.

**System Preference Detection** When a user's system is set to dark mode, Play+ switches automatically using the `prefers-color-scheme: dark` media query.

**What Gets Transformed?** ■ **Surfaces** ■ Light backgrounds are softened to rich dark grays (e.g., `--global-color-gray-900`), avoiding pure black. Secondary layers maintain visual depth.

```
/* Light Theme */ --color-background-primary : var (
--global-color-white ) ; /* Dark Theme */ --color-background-primary : var (
--global-color-gray-900 ) ;
```

**Text** ■ Text colors are lightened to remain readable on dark surfaces, and accessibility contrast is recalculated.

```
/* Light Theme */ --color-text-primary : var (
--global-color-gray-700 ) ; /* Dark Theme */ --color-text-primary : var (
--global-color-gray-100 ) ;
```

**Brand Colors** ■ Bright brand colors are adapted—desaturated or brightened if needed—to reduce harsh contrast. Related tokens like `--color-text-on-brand-primary` adjust accordingly.

```
/* Light Theme */ --color-brand-primary : var (
--global-color-pink-500 ) ; --color-brand-secondary : var ( --global-color-blue-500 ) ; /* Dark Theme */ --color-brand-primary : var ( --global-color-pink-300 ) ; --color-brand-secondary :
var ( --global-color-blue-300 ) ;
```

**Disabling Automatic Detection** ■ To ignore system preferences and apply themes manually, update your config:

```
/* Disable automatic theme switching */ [ data-theme = "light" ] { /* Force light theme */ } [ data-theme = "dark" ] { /* Force dark theme */ }
```

This disables automatic switching. You can then manage the theme explicitly via toggle or app logic.

**Overriding the Defaults** ■ Most themes work great with automatic

derivation. But if you need to override a specific value, just add a custom token in your theme file: [ data-theme = "dark" ] { /\* Override specific dark theme values \*/ --color-brand-primary : #5aacff ; --color-background-primary : #0a0a0a ; --glass-background-color : rgba ( 0 , 0 , 0 , 0.8 ) ; } This gives you precise control when needed—without losing the benefits of derivation.

**Manual Theme Toggle** ■ You can give users a manual theme toggle in your UI using the data-theme attribute on the <html> element. This is especially useful if you've disabled automatic OS detection.

**For Angular** ■ Add this logic to a shared service or component, such as theme-toggle.component.ts :

```
src/app/theme-toggle/theme-toggle.component.ts export class ThemeToggleComponent {
toggleTheme ( ) { const root = document . documentElement ; const isDark = root .
getAttribute ( "data-theme" ) === "dark" ; if ( isDark ) { root . removeAttribute ( "data-theme" )
; } else { root . setAttribute ( "data-theme" , "dark" ) ; } } } Template: <!--
theme-toggle.component.html --> < button (click) = " toggleTheme() " > Toggle Theme </
button > File Summary
```

■ **Angular** : Implement in a dedicated theme-toggle.component.ts with corresponding HTML

**Tip**: You can persist user preference using localStorage if desired.

You can give users a theme toggle in your UI using the data-theme attribute on <html> :

```
function toggleTheme ( ) { const root = document . documentElement ; const isDark = root .
getAttribute ( "data-theme" ) === "dark" ; isDark ? root . removeAttribute ( "data-theme" ) :
root . setAttribute ( "data-theme" , "dark" ) ; }
```

This empowers users and complements OS-level preference detection.

**Developer Checklist** ■ Define a complete light theme in \_default.css Let Play+ derive the dark variant automatically via \_dark.css Preview before overriding Use custom overrides sparingly Confirm contrast accessibility if overridden Offer a user toggle if needed

**Conclusion** ■ With Play+, dark mode is automatic, accessible, and brand-aware. There's no need to manage two sets of styles or worry about visual quality. One well-defined theme is all it takes to deliver a polished experience—day or night.

```
/* Light Theme */
--color-background-primary: var(--global-color-white);

/* Dark Theme */
--color-background-primary: var(--global-color-gray-900);

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/* Light Theme */
--color-text-primary: var(--global-color-gray-700);

/* Dark Theme */
--color-text-primary: var(--global-color-gray-100);
```

```

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/* Light Theme */
--color-brand-primary: var(--global-color-pink-500);
--color-brand-secondary: var(--global-color-blue-500);

/* Dark Theme */
--color-brand-primary: var(--global-color-pink-300);
--color-brand-secondary: var(--global-color-blue-300);

---

/* Disable automatic theme switching */
[data-theme="light"] {
  /* Force light theme */
}

[data-theme="dark"] {
  /* Force dark theme */
}

---

[data-theme="dark"] {
  /* Override specific dark theme values */
  --color-brand-primary: #5aacff;
  --color-background-primary: #0a0a0a;
  --glass-background-color: rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.8);
}

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// src/app/theme-toggle/theme-toggle.component.ts
export class ThemeToggleComponent {
  toggleTheme() {
    const root = document.documentElement;
    const isDark = root.getAttribute("data-theme") === "dark";
    if (isDark) {
      root.removeAttribute("data-theme");
    } else {
      root.setAttribute("data-theme", "dark");
    }
  }
}

---

<!-- theme-toggle.component.html -->
<button (click)="toggleTheme()">Toggle Theme</button>

```

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```
function toggleTheme() {  
  const root = document.documentElement;  
  const isDark = root.getAttribute("data-theme") === "dark";  
  isDark  
    ? root.removeAttribute("data-theme")  
    : root.setAttribute("data-theme", "dark");  
}
```